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Amendments to the Specification:

For the convenience of the examiner, the paragraph reference numbers used below are those used in the publication of this application, patent publication US 2005/0056298.

The following formatting of using strikethrough for singaling removal of underlined passages, then adding non-underlined replacement passages signaled with standard underlining was suggested by the USPTO technical section as an appropriate format.

In the line immediately preceding paragraph [0001], please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" paragraph with identical but non-underlined text:

~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In paragraph [0001] please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "Field of the Invention" paragraph and replace it with the identical non-underlined text:

~~Field of the Invention~~ Field of the Invention

In paragraph [0005] please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "Description of the Prior Art" paragraph and replace it with the identical non-underlined and title case text:

~~DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART~~ Description of the Prior Art

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:
U.S. Pat. No. ~~6,397,587~~ 6,397,857 to Neary entitled Hair Accessory teaches a hair accessory for women's hair. The hair accessory includes an elongated rectangular shaped elastic strap having an inner elongated surface foldable back on itself so as to form a P-shaped hook in cross section and an outer elongated surface to which a series of headed strings are attached.

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In the line immediately preceding paragraph [0018] please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" and replace it with the identical non-underlined text:

~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In the line immediately preceding paragraph [0018] please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" and replace it with the identical non-underlined text:

~~BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE
DRAWINGS

In the line immediately preceding paragraph [0055] please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION" and replace it with the identical non-underlined text:

~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
THE INVENTION

In the first line of the claims section (found in the original application only) please remove the underlining by replacing the underlined "I CLAIM" and replace it with the identical non-underlined text, in Title case:

~~I CLAIM~~ I Claim